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EXPECTED ENGAGEMENT HAS BEGUN AT LAST

The Expected Clash Between the German Forces
and the Allies in the Near East Seems to
Be On and the Theatre of War Is
Changed—But Little News
Reported on the Other
Fronts.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 25.—An Athens dispatch under Friday's date says the German artillery on the banks of lake Doiran, Macedonia, forty miles from Saloniki, are bombarding the Anglo-French lines which, the Allies continue to fortify. Berlin says mining operations near Labasse, Belgian border, were frustrated and the Germans destroyed the hostile works.
Patrol engagements were reported on the Russian fronts. Other fronts report nothing important.

American Surrendered Nish.

[By Associated Press.]
New York, Dec. 25.—An American surrendered Nish, Serbia, to the invading Bulgarians after the Serbian forces had retreated, according to a story told here today by D. M. Dold of this city, who has just returned from several months in Serbia. Dold and his brother, Elliott Dold, sons of

an alienist, left here last June as members of a relief expedition to aid the Serbians. The last Serbian regiment to leave Nish mutinied and killed their colonel. This started looting, and D. M. Dold attempted to protect the hospital supplies, but was knocked down and beaten by the soldiers. After this regiment left the people appealed to the bishop of Nish to induce Dold to surrender the city and ask for protection. When the Bulgars were nearing the city Dold, the bishop and many women with flowers met them. Dold showed his American passport to the Bulgarian commander and surrendered the city, asking for protection, which was granted. Later, however, when the Germans began to arrive pandemonium broke loose and the soldiers' conduct was worse than the Serbian mutineers. Destruction and loss of life resulted throughout the city. Dold was stricken blind from hardships and was forced to come home.

HARVESTER PLANT TO SHARE PROFITS

Plan Announced by Which 35,000 Employees May Benefit in Profit Sharing.

[By Associated Press.]
Chicago, Dec. 24.—The International Harvester company announced a plan Thursday to assist its 35,000 employees to become stockholders and share in the company's profits.

Under the plan, which became effective today, all employees will have an opportunity to purchase profit-sharing certificates in the company, payments for which will be made in monthly installments from their salaries. These certificates, it is provided, may be converted into stock at a rate below market value.

To every employee who takes advantage of the offer before March 1, 1916, the company will add to his payments 1 per cent of his earnings annually. Interest will be paid at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, on all employees' payments and credits on his profit-sharing certificate. In addition to the annual dividends on stock the company also will pay to the employee an amount equal to the extra dividend which he would receive upon his stock, if the entire excess of the net profits for each year prior to 1921 over an amount equal to 6 per cent on the money invested in the company's business during the year were distributed pro rata to all holders of its common stock.

Provision is made for postponement of payments, in case of illness or unavoidable lay-offs. Certificates can be turned into cash at the will of the employee. The plan will terminate in January 1921.

CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

[By Associated Press.]
Washington, Dec. 25.—The Christmas festivities at the White House was devoted largely to the entertainment of President Wilson's grand-children, although the president was away on his honeymoon. A large tree in the library was loaded with gifts.

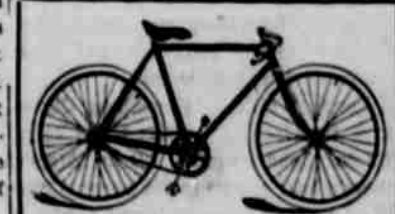
LAVISH CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK

Battleship Crew Gave Dinner to Boys and Girls and Distributed Presents.

[By Associated Press.]
New York, Dec. 25.—Christmas was celebrated here by a lavish distribution of gifts and an unusually large outlay for charity. An unusual incident was a dinner given by the crew of the battleship New York to one hundred boys and girls, who otherwise would not have had a Christmas dinner. The soldiers gave a pair of shoes to each child, dolls for the girls and scout suits for the boys.

PRESIDENT AND WIFE SPENT QUIET DAY

[By Associated Press.]
Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 25.—President Wilson and his wife spent Christmas quietly, taking dinner in their private suite.



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DEAD FROM AUTO GAS POISONING

Went for Auto to Deliver Gifts to Poor and Was Overcome by Deadly Gas.

[By Associated Press.]
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 25.—F. M. Humphrey, lawyer, is dead at his home here from what the physicians call "petromotorists," or automobile gas poisoning. He went into his garage last night to get his automobile to deliver Christmas gifts to the poor. An hour later his body was found on the floor of the garage, the engine running and the room filled with gas fumes.

FAMOUS GALLERY CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Owing to Danger to Worlds Greatest Art Work Will Remain Closed Until War Closes.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 24.—Unknown to the vast majority of Londoners, the National Portrait Gallery shut its doors several weeks ago to remain closed until after the war. The work of transporting the more important portraits of British monarchs and celebrities to a place of greater safety began some months ago, so the collection had lost much of its interest to sightseers.

The National Portraits Gallery lies just behind the National Gallery, which faces Trafalgar Square. While the most celebrated paintings have been taken from the National Gallery, the minor works of the great masters and the best work of the lesser painters remain, and the art critic who is employed by the government to lecture to visitors on the various schools of painting conducts his daily class. Owing to their isolated positions, the Tate and Wallace collections have not suffered materially through fear of Zeppelin raids.

The misguided young man with a salary of \$9 a week who marries a girl that cannot cook hands himself an extra large and juicy lemon.

HOW 630 GERMANS GOT JOBS THROUGH UNCLE SAM.

In the January Woman's Home Companion Secretary of Labor Wilson tells how the new Federal Employment Bureau is helping Germans:

"Eleven hundred and seventy-four Germans applied to the New York distribution branch for agricultural work, of whom 630 were directed to definite employment on farms. These workers are distributed to twenty-three different States at an average monthly wage of \$27.52, in addition to board and lodging. In other words, through this single avenue of publicity and for but one nationality, 630 persons, men and women, were placed to work for which they receive, in the aggregate, a monthly compensation of \$14,634.90, to say nothing of food and quarters."

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